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In re the Application of: Tony A. Opheim  
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Application No.: 10/674,704

Filed: September 30, 2003

For: PROVIDING A VIA WITH AN INCREASED VIA CONTACT AREA

(title)

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         Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

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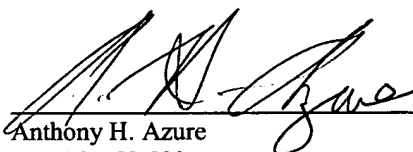
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**ELECTION/AMENDMENT**  
**IN RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Sir:

This election/amendment is submitted in response to the Restriction Requirement mailed March 22, 2005, in connection with the above-noted patent application.

**Election**

Applicant hereby elects Group I, comprising claims 1-7 and 20-27 without traverse.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.